

**California Department of Conservation
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program**

2000 FIELD REPORT

COUNTY: Sierra Valley

FIELD MAPPER(S): Kerri Kisko

PHOTOGRAPHY:

source: SPOT

date: 2000

scale:

film type:

coverage gaps: none

WRITTEN OR ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES: *Please list which local governments, interest groups, or individuals submitted comments on the 1998 maps. Also list all phone and in-person contacts made while conducting the 2000 update.*

➤ *local review comments*

cities:

county: Lassen County Department of Community Development

others:

➤ *personal contacts: none*

➤ *websites:*

Lassen County Official Website: www.lassencounty.org

Plumas County Home Page: www.countyofplumas.com

Welcome to Sierra County: www.sierracounty.org

1998-2000 CHANGES*: *Please summarize the most common changes to the maps. List representative locations (quads) of each type of change encountered. Make sure to list and describe particularly large, unusual or notable changes and give estimates of the acreage involved.*

➤ P, S, U → D

There were two conversions of agricultural land to urban land this update. Both of these changes were urban boundary adjustments and occurred in the cities of Loyaltown and Sierraville.

➤ L, G, X → D

There were six conversions of local, grazing, or other land to urban land. On the

Beckwourth Pass quad, Hallelujah Junction -a freeway interchange with a market and gas station- was added. The other changes were urban boundary adjustments near the town of Beckwourth and the City of Loyalton.

➤ P, S, U → L, G

There were 14 conversions of prime, statewide, or unique farmland to farmland of local importance this update. The majority of these changes were due to agricultural land being fallow for three or more update cycles resulting in approximately 1,450 acres of change. These changes occurred throughout the valley, however large changes of 100 acres or more were observed on the Renaissance Peak (3), Chilcoat (1), Antelope Valley (1), and Loyalton (3) quads. Three of the changes were due to unique soils that were found to be irrigated pasture. All of these changes occurred on the Antelope Valley quad and accounted for a total of approximately 150 acres of change.

➤ P, S, U → X

There were two conversions of agricultural land to other land. Both of these changes were small (less than 10 acres) and consisted of a boundary adjustment on the Renaissance Peak quad and some ranchettes on the Sattley quad.

➤ L, G, X → P, S, U

There were 14 conversions of local, grazing, or other land to agricultural land this update. These changes were scattered throughout the valley and accounted for approximately 980 acres of change. The most notable changes include three new parcels (≈115, 150, and 160 acres) of alfalfa and a parcel (≈280 acres) of irrigated pasture on the Renaissance Peak quad, a parcel of alfalfa (≈120 acres) on the Antelope Valley quad, and a parcel (≈70 acres) of irrigated pasture on the Loyalton quad.

➤ **UNUSUAL:** *Category changes, complications with the Farmland of Local Importance definition, or any other special circumstances in 2000.*

L,G → X: There were eight conversions of local or grazing land to other land scattered throughout the valley. These changes were primarily due to the addition of ranchettes and boundary adjustments. One notable change was the addition of approximately 250 acres of ranchettes near the City of Portola.

G → L: On the Beckwourth Pass quad a parcel (≈320 acres) of dry land grain was added.

P,S,U → P,S,U: Agriculture was shifted between prime, statewide, and unique primarily due to soil line adjustments throughout the valley.

PROBLEM AREAS: *What locations and map categories need careful checking in 2002? Why?*

Watch out for shifting agriculture throughout the valley. Some lands are going fallow while others are being newly irrigated for agriculture.

OUT OF DATE BASE MAPS: *Please list any base maps used for update or publication of this county which are woefully out of date due to extensive new development, road*

construction, etc.

LABOR ESTIMATE: *Please estimate the amount of time spent on the following tasks.*

photo interpretation, start date: Sept. 27, 2001

photo interpretation, number of days: 1

ground truthing dates: Oct. 3-4, 2001

days for map compilation and clean up: 2

* **Note:** P = Prime Farmland; S = Farmland of Statewide Importance; U = Unique Farmland; L = Farmland of Local Importance; G = Grazing Land; D = Urban and Built-up Land; X = Other Land; W = Water Areas; I = Irrigated Farmland; N = Nonirrigated Farmland

Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:

www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp